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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

TRAUTMAN, et al.

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
COATING SKIN PIERCING
MICROPROTRUSIONS

SERIAL NO. 10/099,604

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EXAMINER: B. Lamb

Attorney Docket No: ARC 3116 R1

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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.